

**CALIFORNIA OFF-HIGHWAY MOTOR VEHICLE RECREATION
COMMISSION**

MEETING MINUTES
DOUBLETREE HOTEL (ONTARIO AIRPORT)
LAKE ARROWHEAD ROOM
222 N. VINEYARD AVENUE
ONTARIO, CALIFORNIA
SEPTEMBER 1, 2004

(MINUTES APPROVED OCTOBER 29, 2004 AS PRESENTED)

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Paul J. Spitler, Chair
Robert F. Chavez, Vice Chair
Judith A. Anderson, Member
Michael F. Prizmich, Member
Edward H. Waldheim, Member

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

John E. Brissenden, Member
Harold M. Thomas, Member

DIVISION STAFF PRESENT

Tim La Franchi, Legal Counsel, DPR
Daphne C. Greene, Deputy Director, OHMVR Division
Anthony I. Perez, Chief, OHMVR Division
Rick LeFlore, Superintendent IV, OHMVR Division
Barry W. Jones, Staff Park and Recreation Specialist, OHMVR Division
Lisa McClung, Associate Park and Recreation Specialist, OHMVR Division
Lowell Landowski, Associate Park and Recreation Specialist, OHMVR Division
Clark Woy, Associate Park and Recreation Specialist, OHMVR Division
Laurie Taylor, Executive Secretary, OHMVR Division

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Kenneth J. Pogue, Deputy Attorney General

REGISTERED VISITORS

Harold Soens, AMA - SDORE – TRT
Rick Fisher, CORVA
Ed Waldheim, CORVA, D-37 – Commission
Kathleen Phelps, Los Padres NF
George Barnes, Sierra Club California
Rich Williams, BLM
James Keeler, BLM
Neil Hamada, BLM ECFO
Eddie Phillips, AFFA
John Bierk, BLM, Needles
Eric Hurtado, California City P.D.
Amy B. Schuman, California City P.D.
David Moore, BLM, Ridgecrest
Diana Craig, USFS, Vallejo
Fran Colwell, USFS, San Bernardino NF
John Seales, FS, ANF
Roger Wallace, LA County Sheriff Dept, Santa Clarita
Bob Ham, Imperial County
John Wambaugh USFS
Mike Ahrens, BLM
Ray Kidd, Los Padres NF
Michael Antonicci, Cathedral City P.D.
John Stewart, CA4WDC
Dale Mondary, SBCSD
Kim Floyd, Sierra Club
Hector Villalobos, BLM, Ridgecrest
Craig Beck, BLM, Ridgecrest
Don Trammell, Trails Unlimited, USFS
Fairelene Taylor, Imperial County Sheriff Dept
Craig Deutsck, Los Angeles
Terry Weiner, Desert Protective Council
Harriet Allen, Desert Protective Council
Jim Weigand, BLM, California State Office
Mona Daniels, BLM, Palm Springs
John Kalish, BLM, Palm Springs
Melanie Tennant, Riverside County Sheriff Dept.
Greg Ammons, Riverside County Sheriff Dept.
Mark McNay, Imperial County Sheriff Dept.
Chris Evans, San Bernardino NF
Lacy Kelly, San Bernardino NF Association
Dale Johnson, SBNFA, OHV
Harold Carter, Imperial County Sheriff Dept.

Greg Thomsen, BLM
John Hamill, Dept. of the Interior, Desert Manager
Ron Morfin, BLM, Yuma Field Office
Thomas Egan, California Native Plant Society
Raina Fulton, Angeles NF
C. J. Stewart, Cleveland NF
Craig Cowie, Cleveland NF
Anne Carey, Cleveland NF
Paul Kober, CORVA, Friends of Jawbone
John Monsen, Sierra Club
Albert Llata, OHV Enthusiast
Rick Larson, Los Padres NF
Francis Moore, Kern County Sheriff Dept
J. C. Borton, Bakersfield P.D.
E. Canabajal, Bakersfield P.D.
Byron Kahr, California Wilderness Coalition
Cindy Szloboda, Camp Fire USA
David Kurylowicz, Riverside County Sheriff Dept.
Bill Alvord, OHV Enthusiast
Allan Alvord, OHV Enthusiast
Janette Player, AMA D-37, Off Road Committee
Shane Barron, Bakersfield BLM
Colleen O'Brien, Inyo NF
Dean W. Greenwalt, Friends of Juniper Flats
Tom Tammone, CORVA/CTVC
Dave Oakleaf, AMA D-37, Comp.
Diane McCombs, Angeles NF
Dana Bell, NOHVCC
Michael Berg, California Trail Users Association

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Paul Spitler called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. in the Lake Arrowhead Room, Double Tree Hotel (Ontario Airport), 222 W. Vineyard Avenue, Ontario, California 91764.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Spitler led the meeting attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Five members were present for this public hearing on the Southern California Grants and Cooperative Agreements.

Chair Spitler stated that this meeting is an opportunity for the members of the public and grant applicants to make comments and identify issues of concern prior to the Division making staff recommendations and the members of the Commission taking action on these grants. Members of the public and grant applicants are encouraged to identify specific grants they would like to discuss. Grants will be heard based in the order as they appear on the spreadsheet attached to the agenda. These specific grants will then be called in order and those wishing to make public comment will be given the opportunity to do so.

No action will be taken by the Commission on any grant at this meeting other than to hear public comment.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Chavez moved and Commissioner Waldheim seconded to adopt the agenda as presented. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

REVIEW – SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GRANTS AND COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS

Following is a list of the grant and cooperative agreements and the people or groups that spoke for each one:

OR-687, City of Bakersfield Police Department

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J. C. Borton, Bakersfield Police Dept., support

OR-691, California City Police Department

Eric Hurtado, California City PD, support

OR-701, Camp Fire USA

OR-702, Camp Fire USA

Cindy Szloboda, Camp Fire USA, support

Rick Fisher, CORVA

OR-696, Cathedral City Police Department

No public comment

OR-675, Imperial County Sheriff

Bob Ham, Imperial County, support

Harold Soens, AMA, SDORE, TRT, support. Concerned that fuel study
is not capturing gas bought in California but used out of state.

John Stewart, CA4WDC, support

Harold Carter, Imperial County Sheriff Dept., support

OR-709, Kern County Sheriff

OR-715, Kern county Sheriff

Francis Moore, Kern County Sheriff Dept, support

Paul Kober, CORVA, support

OR-684, Los Angeles County

Roger Wallace, Los Angeles County Sheriff Dept., Santa Clarita, support

OR-690, Riverside County Sheriff

OR-713, Riverside County Sheriff

Greg Ammons, Riverside County Sheriff Dept., support both grants

OR-681, San Bernardino County Sheriff

OR-697, San Bernardino County Sheriff

OR-703, San Bernardino County Sheriff

OR-704, San Bernardino County Sheriff

OR-716, San Bernardino County Sheriff

No public comment

OR-717, San Diego County Dept. of Parks and Recreation

OR-706, San Diego County Sheriff

OR-707, San Diego County Sheriff

Terry Weiner, Desert Protective Council, support both grants and would
to see increase in OR-706.

John Stewart, CA4WDC, non-support

OR-678, Mammoth Lakes Town Visitors Bureau

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Rick Fisher, CORVA, support

Colleen O'Brien, Inyo NF, support

OR-711, Town of Yucca Valley

Dale Mondary, CA4WDC, support

OR-1-CD-302, BLM-CA State Office
OR-1-CE-303, BLM-CA State Office

OR-1-B-52, BLM-CA State Office
OR-1-B-53, BLM-CA State Office
OR-1-CD-309, BLM-CA State Office
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Craig Deutsck, Los Angeles, support
Jim Weigand, BLM, support
Byron Kahr, California Wilderness Coalition, support
Dave Oakleaf, AMA, D-37, support
John Stewart, CA4WDC, support all grants
Paul Kober, COVA, support all grants
Tom Tammone, COVA, non-support of all grants
Kim Floyd, Sierra Club, support all grants
Dean Greenwalt, Friends of Juniper Flat, support all grants
Terry Weiner, Desert Protective Council, support all grants
Thomas Egan, California Native Plant Society, support all grants
Janette Player, AMA, D-37, non support of all grants
Michael Berg, California Trail Users Association, support of all grants

PUBLIC COMMENT, AGENDIZED AT 11:00 A.M.

The following people spoke on various items not on the agenda:

Harold Soens, SDORC, spoke on the issue of more trail maintenance.

Rick Fisher, CORVA, gave his concerns regarding better signage of the Rubicon Trail.

Bryon Kahr, California Wilderness Coalition, gave his support on more enforcement and restoration grants.

Kim Floyd, Sierra Club (Mojave Group), expressed concern about more trespass enforcement.

Janette Player, AMA D-37, expressed concern about the state audit that will review how the Department of Parks and Recreation spends fees collected from off-road vehicle enthusiasts.

Dave Oakleaf, AMA D-37, also was concerned about the state audit and how it will affect the off-road vehicle program. Also stated his concerns that there seems to be no end of money going to law enforcement in local areas with no OHV areas.

Drew Greenwelt, Friends of Juniper Flats, expressed an appeal for grants for addressing OHV non-compliance or lack of law enforcement in the Juniper Flats area.

Edwin Phillips, Americans for Forest Access, spoke about problems with law enforcement in the desert.

Craig Deutsck, Los Angeles, brought to the attention of the Commission the need for better OHV compliance in Kelso Valley.

John Stewart, CA4WDC, addressed the concern for better trail maintenance.

Tom Tammone, CORVA, requested a better balance in funding law enforcement and O&M.

C. J. Stewart, Cleveland NF, felt more funding was needed for education/public outreach. It is the public's OHV dollars and there should be more transparency, efficiency, and accountability.

Rich Farrington, USFS CA State Office, gave an overview of US Forest Service's positions on the issues brought forth under Public Comment.

Deputy Director Greene indicated she wanted to take a few moments to address the Commission and the public. She was especially concerned about the tension between the motorized and non-motorized community. She encouraged everyone to make an extra effort for collaboration and communication.

Adjourned for lunch at noon.

Reconvened the meeting at 1:09 p.m. and continued with the agenda.

REVIEW – SOUTHERN CLAIFORNIA GRANTS AND COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS (CONTINUED)

OR-1-SW-32, BLM-CA State Office

OR-1-SW-30, BLM-CA State Office

OR-1-SW-33, BLM-CA State Office

OR-1-SW-34, BLM-CA State Office

OR-1-SW-31, BLM-CA State Office

John Hamill, Desert Manager, Dept of the Interior, support all grants

Dana Bell, National OHV Conservation Council, support all grants

John Stewart, CA4WDC, oppose all grants

Dave Oakleaf, AMA, D-37, oppose all grants
Harold Soens, AMA, oppose all grants
Rick Fisher, CORVA, oppose all grants
Janette Player, AMA, D-37, oppose all grants
Thomas Egan, California Native Plant Society, support all grants

OR-1-CD-301, BLM-CA State Office

Terry Weiner, Desert Protective Council, support

OR-1-CD-299, BLM-Needles Field Office

OR-1-CD-300, BLM-CA State Office

No Public Comment

OR-1-CD-304, BLM-CA State Field Office

John Stewart, CA4WDC, support

CA-1-CD-305, BLM-CA State Office

No public comment

CA-1-CD-306, BLM-CA State Office

John Kalish, BLM, Palm Springs, support

OR-1-CD-308, BLM-CA State Office

Paul Kober, COVA, support

OR-1-Y-17, BLM-CA State Office

No public comment

OR-2-A-61, USFS-Pacific SW Region

OR-2-A-62, USFS-Pacific SW Region

OR-2-A-63, USFS-Pacific SW Region

OR-2-A-64, USFS-Pacific SW Region

Diane McCombs, Angeles NF, support all grants

Rick Fisher, CORVA, support all grants

OR-2-C-44, USFS-Pacific SW Region

OR-2-C-45, USFS-Pacific SW Region

OR-2-C-46, USFS-Pacific SW Region

OR-2-C-47, USFS-Pacific SW Region

John Stewart, CA4WDC, support all grants

Craig Cowie, Cleveland NF, support all grants

Tom Tammone, CORVA, support all grants

C. J. Stewart, Cleveland NF, support all grants

OR-2-I-66, USFS, Pacific SW Region

OR-2-I-68, USFS, Pacific SW Region

OR-2-I-69, USFS, Pacific SW Region

Colleen O'Brien, Inyo NF, support

John Stewart, CA4WDC, support

OR-2-LP-92, USFS, Pacific SW Region

OR-2-LP-93, USFS, Pacific SW Region

OR-2-LP-94, USFS, Pacific SW Region

OR-2-LP-95, USFS, Pacific SW Region

Rick Larson, Los Padres NF, support all grants

Rick Fisher, CORVA, support all grants

OR-2-SB-82, USFS-Pacific SW Region

Chris Evans, San Bernardino NF, support

Janette Player, AMA, D-37, wants more detailed information

Dana Bell, National OHV Conservation Council, support

Dave Oakleaf, AMA, D-37, support

Lacy Kelly, San Bernardino NF Association, support

Tom Tammone, CORVA, support

Dale Johnson, San Bernardino NF, support

John Wambaugh, USFS, support

OR-2-SW-25, USFS-Pacific SW Region

OR-2-SW-26, USFS-Pacific SW Region

OR-2-SW-27, USFS-Pacific SW Region

OR-2-SW-28, USFS-Pacific SW Region

Diana Craig, USFS, Vallejo, support

Rich Farrington, USFS, Vallejo, support

John Stewart, CA4WDC, support

C. J. Stewart, Cleveland NF, support

Tom Tammone, CORVA, support

OR-2-SW-29, USFS-Pacific SW Region - **WITHDRAWN**

OR-1-CD-307, BLM-CA State Office, CA Desert District Onyx Ranch Acq.

Paul Kober, CORVA, support

John Stewart, CA4WDC, support

Harold Soens, AMA, support

Dave Oakleaf, AMA, D-37, support

C. J. Stewart, Cleveland NF, support

Craig Deutsck, Los Angeles, support

There being no further items on which to take public testimony, Chair Spitler asked if there were any further Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda:

Michael Berg, California Trail Users Association, expressed concern about the need for more trail maintenance. H also shared his concern about the development plans for 26,000 new homes on the Tejon Ranch property and an additional 7,000 new homes across Highway 5 with a potential threat to Hungry Valley SVRA.

Harriet Allen, speaking as an individual, expressed support of OR-1-SW-31, funding for a Desert Tortoise Public Information Coordinator's salary.

Albert Llata, OHV enthusiast, reported on the need for better trail maintenance.

Dana Bell, National OHV Conservation Council, expressed her concerns on law enforcement and better trail maintenance.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further items on which to hold public testimony, Chair Spitler adjourned the meeting at 3:37 p.m.

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OHMVR Division

Laurie Taylor
Executive Secretary
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